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In re Application of:

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For: CODING OF SYRINGES TO MONITOR THEIR USE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

Claim 3, line 1: delete "or Claim 2".

Claim 4, line 1: delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute

therefor --claim 1--.